

**REMARKS**

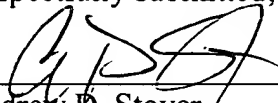
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement in the outstanding Office Action that claims 1 and 3-15 are allowable. Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims without prejudice. Accordingly, this case is in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final. If for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Dated:

2/26/04

By:

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew D. Stover

Reg. No. 38,629

Attorney for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE LTD.

Post Office Box 10395

Chicago, Illinois 60610

(312) 321-4200